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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for his or her consideration during the examination of the instant application.

The following documents were cited in a search report in the French priority application upon which the instant application is based. A copy of the search report and a copy of an annex thereto, indicating "family member" documents, are attached.

For compliance with the "concise explanation" requirement set forth in 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), consistent with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office policy, Applicants describe below any comments relating to pertinent portions of the respective documents, where such comments appear in the search report.

French Patent Publication No. 2.082.827 (LETOURNEL), published on December 10, 1971, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (i.e., a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 3 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application, and as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (i.e., a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 7 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Page 2, line 14, to page 4, first paragraph; claims 1 and 2; and Figs. 1-4 of FR '827 are cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 4,398,538 (JOHNSON), issued on August 16, 1983, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (i.e., a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 7 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application and as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claim 4 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 2, line 9, to column 3, line 28; claims 1 and 2; and Figs. 1-9 of US '538 are cited as being pertinent. In addition, US '538 is mentioned in paragraph 0004 of the specification of the instant application.

U.S. Patent No. 2,341,032 (FREED et al.), issued on February 8, 1944, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is particularly pertinent (*i.e.*, a category "X" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 2 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application, and as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 4-6 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 1, last paragraph, to column 3, first paragraph; and Figs. 1-3 of US '032 are cited as being pertinent.

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French Patent Publication No. 2.048.124 (MARGARETT), published on March 19, 1971, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent in combination with one or more other such documents (*i.e.*, a category "Y" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 4-6 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Page 2, lines 7-33; claims 1, 2, and 5; and Figs. 1 and 2 of FR '124 are cited as being pertinent.

U.S. Patent No. 6,530,820 (KATZE et al.), issued on March 11, 2003, is cited in the aforementioned search report as being a document that is pertinent to the general state of the art (i.e., a category "A" document) with regard to the invention recited in claims 1 and 4 of Applicants' aforementioned priority application. Column 2, last paragraph, to column 4, fourth paragraph, and Figs. 1-5 of US '820 are cited as being pertinent.

Each of the aforementioned documents is listed on the attached PTO-1449 form to permit the Examiner to indicate his or her consideration thereof.

The Examiner is requested to consider the documents cited above and to confirm such consideration by appropriately initialling the listings on the PTO-1449 form and returning a copy of the initialled form to Applicants.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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